MoA between HSL and Goodearth Maritime Ltd.

2517. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed in between Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. and M/s Goodearth Maritime Ltd., Chennai;

(b) if so, whether the said MoA debar Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. from entering into any further agreement for construction of vessels for other national/international ship owners;

(c) if so, the reasons for such conditions; and

(d) the quantum of loss, so far suffered by H.S.L. following the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) An Agreement has been signed between Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited (GML) on 16.04.2005.

(b) to (d) As per the Agreement, in the absence of GML's orders, HSL is at liberty to accept construction/repair of any other vessels in order to keep the Yard running. HSL is free to accept orders from Government of India like from Defence, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administrations, etc. The orders of GML have contributed to improved financial performance of HSL.

Cruise terminus in Mormugao and Mumbai

2518. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mormugao Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust propose to construct cruise terminus in their respective port areas;

(b) whether Government have received any such proposals from the two Port Trusts; and

(c) the details of each of the proposals, present status of the projects, revenue proposed to be generated and the investment proposed to be made?